

## **FREEMAN FOUNDATION MAKES GRANT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

One of the most exciting developments ever for Vermont public libraries occurred in November when the Freeman family, on behalf of the Freeman Foundation, announced a grant of \$10 million in support of Department of Libraries efforts to improve library effectiveness and community outreach. The funds will be received over two years by the Vermont Public Library Foundation to supplement local, state and federal funding for Vermont's public libraries.

Public libraries may apply for funds up to 50% of their total 1998-99 operating income from local, state, and federal sources with a minimum grant of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$250,000 in each of the next two years. About 190 public libraries will be eligible. Speaking at a Burlington press conference in the company of Mr. and Mrs. Houghton Freeman and State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane, Governor Howard Dean noted that "the Freeman Foundation came to us and offered assistance to increase local libraries' visibility and effectiveness. This program will help libraries expand their vital role in Vermont's communities."

Funds may be used to strengthen traditional library services, including programming, staff, and library collections, as well as to support physical improvements, accessibility, computers, and other technology. A third year of funding based on the increase in local, state, and federal funds raised by each library during the grant period is also under consideration. Thetford librarian Peter Blodgett noted that the Freeman grant will offer libraries opportunities to demonstrate exactly what additional funding can do to help libraries improve their services to their communities.

The grant will be administered by the Vermont Public Library Foundation formed by State Librarian Sybil McShane as authorized by a General Assembly last year. McShane will serve as president of the foundation. Other members of the board of the foundation are Marianne Kotch, Department of Libraries Director of Public Library Support Services; Joan Rahe, member of the Board of Libraries; Jill Markolf, president of the Public Library Section of the Vermont Library Association; and John E. Fothergill, representative of the Vermont Library Trustees Association Steering Committee.

Application forms will be sent to all eligible libraries in February and there will be several deadlines for application to allow libraries a chance to develop projects that best suit their communities' needs. Because libraries will be required to submit annual reports on the success of their projects, the Department of Libraries will provide grant recipients formal training on outcome and performance measurement soon after grant decisions have been made.

## **MOBILE LIBRARY LITERACY, GATES GRANTS TO BE AWARDED**

Two other grant opportunities will be available to Vermont public libraries early this year. Here are brief reminders of the Mobile Library Literacy Project funded by the federal Institute of Museum and

Library Services and the Gates Library Initiative. Vermont librarians and trustees will want to watch their mail closely for further information about:

- The two-year federally-funded Mobile Library Literacy Project grant was announced by U.S. Senator James Jeffords (see News Sept. and Oct. 2000 issues). Nearly \$1 million in sub-grants from the Department of Libraries will be available to public libraries and schools libraries/school districts, “to promote access to books, reading, programs, and information through technology.” A pre-grant application meeting will be held in February, and the application deadline is April 1, with announcements to be made April 30. The Department’s contact for further information on this project is Amy Howlett, 257-2810.
- The Gates Library Initiative is designed to help close “The Digital Divide” for low-income Americans. Grants will be awarded to Vermont public libraries on the basis of poverty as determined by a formula developed by the Gates Library Initiative (see News, Oct., 2000), and libraries will be eligible either for full grants of high-end computers or for partial grants that will allow libraries to purchase the computers at cost. A wide selection of software, a major training package, and round-the-clock technical support are additional, significant components of the program for all involved. The application deadline is expected to be around the end of March, with announcements to be made in April. The Department’s contact for further information on this project is Sheila Kearns, 828-3261.

## **124 LIBRARIES MEET STANDARDS**

A record number of public libraries – 124 - meet the Minimum Standards for Vermont Public Libraries this year, and some that do not meet them have requested participation in the Technical Assistance Program. For the third year in a row, libraries could apply under either the 1986 or the 1998 version of the standards because the 1998 set have not yet been approved by the Legislative Administrative Rules Committee. Nonetheless, 76 public libraries, 61%, meet the new standards, including some small libraries.

Libraries that choose to participate in the Technical Assistance Program will work with a team (TAT) including a member of the state Board of Libraries, a regional librarian, and an area librarian or trustee to develop a plan to meet the standards within the year. While the library is working with the TAT, the library will be eligible for all of the privileges offered libraries meeting standards. Last year, libraries in Guilford and Pawlet successfully participated in the TAT program. Because appeals for libraries found not meeting standards are still pending, a complete list of libraries meeting standards will be in the next issue of News.

## **SERL CLOSES, CONSULTING CONTINUES IN REGION**

Public libraries in the southeast region will continue to receive consulting and continuing education from the Department of Libraries despite the closure of the Southeast Regional Library (SERL) on December 8, 2000. Amy Howlett, Southeast Regional Librarian, continues to provide technical assistance to librarians and trustees out of the Dummerston building until a new office is completed in the State Complex in Springfield. Until further notice, her telephone number remains 257-2810. Many of the books at SERL were given away to area public, school, and other libraries in the region this fall. The remainder are being withdrawn in preparation for a public give-away in February.

In addition, the Department continues to offer training, computer assistance and online resources, library materials in collections, and interlibrary loan to all libraries, including those in the southern counties

of the state. The Midstate Regional Library (MRL) will provide book-related services to libraries that once borrowed collections and sent paper interlibrary loan requests to SERL. The MRL staff will send small collections through the mail to libraries which request them via email, phone, or mail, and librarians are welcome to visit MRL in Berlin to check out collections themselves. Delivery can also be arranged. Anyone with questions about the SERL closure may call Marianne Kotch, Director of Public Library Support Services, at 828-2320.

## **WORKSHOP MAILING PLANNED**

In February all public libraries will receive the annual Department of Libraries Continuing Education packet containing the certification guidelines and information about all of the year's workshops. The two "basics" we will be teaching this year are Reference and Basic Public Library Administration. Some of the other workshops are: Public Relations, Picture Book Storytelling, Understanding MARC, and Children's Programming.

The list of workshops is shorter than usual in order to give people a chance to concentrate on the work entailed in three major grant initiatives (Mobile Literacy, Gates Foundation and Freeman Foundation). Also, many librarians prefer to take advantage of the shorter, more local mini workshops available on demand from the regional librarians, so remember those opportunities when planning your continuing education needs.

*--Grace Worcester Greene  
Continuing Education Coordinator*

## **CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT: OPPORTUNITY, CONCERN**

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), passed by the US Congress in December as part of H.R. 4577, has triggered concern about public libraries' public access procedures and policies and is sure to be a major topic of discussion among library boards this year. The new law offers librarians and trustees an opportunity to discuss Internet access and First Amendment issues with their publics.

State Librarian Sybil Brigham McShane attended an information session on Saturday, Jan. 13 sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA), at its midwinter meetings. She received an assortment of handouts about the act and also heard presentations by Kate Moore, director of the Schools & Libraries Division (E-rate program), and Jane Heiser, director of the Institute of Museums and Library Services state programs office (LSTA). The federal Dept. of Education declined to send anyone to speak about the implications for ESEA. McShane hopes to receive permission to make the handouts available online.

The full text of CIPA is available at the Department of Libraries website at [http://dol.state.vt.us/gopher\\_root5/libraries/misc/cipa.html](http://dol.state.vt.us/gopher_root5/libraries/misc/cipa.html). Basically, the act amends various laws regarding federal funding of schools and libraries to limit the availability of funds "to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet" unless the school or library

- (A)(i) has in place a policy of Internet safety for minors that includes the operation of a technology protection measure with respect to any of its computers with Internet access that protects against access through such computer to visual depictions that are—
- (I) obscene;
  - (II) child pornography; or

- (III) harmful to minors; and
- (ii) is enforcing the operation of such technology protection measure during any use of such computers

The law extends protection to adults as well as children but “an administrator, supervisor, or other authority may disable a technology protection measure... to enable access for bona fide research or other lawful purposes.” Before applying for federal funding, schools and libraries must certify every year that they comply with the law, including having Internet safety policies in place. In addition, schools and libraries which do not have Internet safety policies must hold at least one public hearing regarding proposed Internet safety policies prior to adopting a policy.

In carrying out its responsibilities under subsection (h), each school or library to which subsection (h) applies shall--

- (A) adopt and implement an Internet safety policy that addresses--
  - (i) access by minors to inappropriate matter on the Internet and World Wide Web;
  - (ii) the safety and security of minors when using electronic mail, chat rooms, and other forms of direct electronic communications;
  - (iii) unauthorized access, including so-called ‘hacking’, and other unlawful activities by minors online;
  - (iv) unauthorized disclosure, use, and dissemination of personal identification information regarding minors; and
  - (v) measures designed to restrict minors’ access to materials harmful to minors; and
- (B) provide reasonable public notice and hold at least one public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Internet safety policy.

McShane noted that although the law goes into effect on April 20, 2001, that is the date by which the FCC must have adopted regulations and is not the date on which libraries have to have any form of “internet protection” in place. In fact, if libraries apply for Round 4 of e-rate and get a commitment letter (around October 28, 2001), only then will they have to certify that they are “undertaking such actions” for the next funding cycle (Round 5). Federal LSTA funding will probably not be impacted at least until FY2002 which begins on October 1, 2001. IMLS is still reviewing the law and will draft guidelines.

Despite its title, McShane said, CIPA applies to both adults and children. CIPA applies only to “visual depictions,” not text, and there is a different standard for children than adults (i.e. adults may look at things that kids can’t), so in all likelihood two levels of filtering will have to be maintained. ALA, ACLU and the Freedom to Read Foundation were still discussing what legal actions they were going to take.

Librarians and trustees should probably be prepared to answer questions from the public and use this as an opportunity to discuss some of the first amendment issues and what is considered “protected speech” for adults, the “Library Bill of Rights,” etc. They could talk about local policies and local efforts to educate parents and children about safe internet use. They could discuss local control and community standards vs. federally mandated controls. They could also talk about the imperfections of filtering technology, the unknown cost to libraries and communities if they have to purchase “internet protection” and/or forego e-rate and/or LSTA funding.

To keep up-to-date on the issue, please use the following websites for reference where information is added frequently:

<http://www.ala.org/cipa>

<http://www.ala.org/washoff/>

<http://www.aclu.org/>

<http://www.ftrf.org/childrencipa.pdf>

## CIVIL WAR ITEMS FOUND MISSING

During a recent check of the shelves at the Department of Libraries in Montpelier, nearly 400 items were discovered missing. Among them were many items related to the Civil War, including regimental histories, personal narratives, and general histories, nearly all published between 1860 and 1920. Also missing were items related to the Revolution and the Spanish-American War.

Paul Donovan, Law Librarian, was mystified by the motive. "All items had some combination of bookplate, department stamp, accession number, embossing or perforation. None were manuscripts, and none were related to Vermont," he said.

Although increased security measures will be implemented, they had been planned before the books were missed. Anyone with any information should contact the Montpelier Police Department at (802)223-3445.

## LIBRARIES REPORT VARIOUS SUCCESSES IN 2000

Vermont public libraries reported growth in program attendance, cooperation with community organizations, and various new collection initiatives among their successful ventures in the past year. Here are a few of the highlights, as reported on Public Library Report forms submitted in November:

- Brattleboro's Brooks Memorial Library received a grant from the Southern Vermont Area Health Education Center to offer full-text health and medical information via the library's website. [Health\\_Connect@Brooks](#) offers patron access to two full-text magazine databases – traditional and complementary health – a drug database and a database of more than 1,000 pamphlets, all offered by EBSCO.
- The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum joined with four other town institutions holding historical records to form the St. Johnsbury Archives Collaborative which wrote and received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission of the National Archives. This has allowed the group to hire an archivist to begin a three year project of surveying, processing, and organizing the significant historical records of the town.
- Rochester Public Library sponsored an all-day event celebrating Chinese New Year in February, 2000, in conjunction with a local day care provider and local performing artists. Chinese storytelling, a Chinese astrology lecture, a cooking class, a lantern-making class, and an outrageous choreographed "dragon" dance which made its way through the streets of the center ended with a reception at the library with delicacies prepared in the cooking workshop and hot Chinese tea. "Not only did we bring a significant group of people into the library who had never been in, we introduced many aspects of Chinese culture to our patrons of all ages that fascinated and educated," said librarian Sandy Lincoln.
- The libraries of Franklin and Grand Isle Counties joined to sponsor talks by prominent Vermont authors such as Reeve Lindbergh and Chris Bohjalian. Each library contributed financially to the cost of bringing the speakers to various libraries in the counties. Richford librarian Annette Goynes noted that "this was a good way for our small library to provide patrons with quality programs despite our limited funds."
- Former Marshfield librarian Mary Kasamatsu reported that "an annual tradition which everyone enjoys is the Fall Harvest of Talents, a community talent night co-sponsored by the library and Central Vermont Adult Basic Education. This brings together people who might not normally interact – students, older adult new readers, parents, professionals – and showcases hidden talents. Everyone has something to share and sees neighbors in a new light by the end of the evening."

- Newbury's librarian, Marjorie Shane, reported continued interest in public access computing: "I had several older people come in, some of whom have never used a computer or the internet. I give them lessons, help them work through all the jargon and find what they need. At least four people have liked it so much, they've bought their own computers and internet access. All they needed was some help getting started."
- In Colchester, "a patron, not usually fond of computers, learned to use the internet to find a source for the tiny pots she needs for mamei bonsai. That led to e-mail and that led to a renewed relationship with a brother who lives far away and hates to write letters," says Carolyn Barnes, librarian.
- Finally, Jericho/Underhill's Sunday Afternoon Music Series, held monthly from October, 1999, through May, 2000, featured local musicians performing in the reading room. Genres included reggae, classical, swing, and jazz, and each performance brought new community members who had not been to the library before.

## **DEPARTMENT JOINS NACO**

This past summer the Department of Libraries joined forces with the libraries at Middlebury College, the University of Vermont, Vermont Law School, Vermont State Colleges and the Vermont Historical Society to join the Name Authority Cooperative Project (NACO) as a "funnel project" to maintain and create name authority records for the national authority file. Name authority records in the file are MARC records that contain headings and cross references established in accordance with certain standards.

NACO started in 1977 as a joint venture between the Library of Congress and the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) to create a common authority file. The project was later expanded to include many libraries that contribute as separate institutions or through funnel projects comprised of several member institutions. Members agree to follow a common set of standards such as those given in Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> rev. ed. and MARC 21 Format for Authority Data when changing or adding authority records to the shared authority file in order to ensure the integrity of the database.

Vermont libraries can look forward to finding more established Vermont headings in the national authority file now that Vermont libraries are involved in the creation of authority records. Now libraries can avoid some of the frustration often encountered in the past when trying to verify Vermont related headings that were not available or had not kept pace with name changes.

*--Lorraine Lanius  
Head, Technical Services Unit*

## **VERMONT NEWSPAPER CATALOGING AVAILABLE**

Cataloging of Vermont newspaper titles is now available for Vermont libraries to use in their own catalogs. With the completion of the cataloging phase of the Vermont Newspaper Project, over 700 MARC records of Vermont newspapers were downloaded into the Department of Libraries' catalog. Libraries can search PUBCAT and DOLCAT for titles that match their newspaper holdings.

Public libraries participating in the Card/MARC Service may obtain cataloging for the newspaper titles following the usual procedures with one exception. Please add the database control numbers found in the database to your requests. These numbers are found in the upper left corner of the MARC records in PUBCAT and DOLCAT. In PUBCAT these numbers start with D and have 3 letters and 4 numbers (exp. DED-1011). Continue to search DOLCAT for items not found in PUBCAT and make a note of DOLCAT

database control numbers on the cataloging request form. These numbers start with A and have 3 letters and 4 numbers (exp. ABI-6577). The DOLCAT records will be copied to the PUBCAT database and your library holdings symbol will be attached to PUBCAT records. Libraries not using the Card/MARC Service can also take advantage of the cataloging information for use in their own catalogs.

Serials cataloging can be tricky with changes in titles, dates, and frequencies of publication, so be sure your title exactly matches the cataloging record. When deciding if the dates for your newspaper match a date range found in the cataloging, your library doesn't have to own all the issues in the date range. However, the date of your newspaper issues should fall within the date range specified in the cataloging record. If you have any questions about procedures mentioned, please call Lorraine Lanius at 828-3261 or email [tsu@dol.state.vt.us](mailto:tsu@dol.state.vt.us) to make arrangements for obtaining the cataloging.

## **DOES YOUR LIBRARY DESERVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION?**

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced its 2001 competition for the National Award for Library Service. This award honors outstanding American libraries that have made significant contributions to their communities. For instructions on how to nominate a library in your community, please log on to [http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib\\_nals.htm](http://www.imls.gov/grants/library/lib_nals.htm). The deadline for application is February 15, 2001.

## **A BRIEF GUIDE TO THE HAPLR INDEX**

Late in the year 2000, national media noted that two Vermont public libraries – in Fairfax and Orleans - had been rated highly on the Hennen American Public Library Rating (HAPLR) Index. A flurry of inquiries from other reporters, the general public, trustees, and librarians ensued. Should your library pay any attention at all? The authors of “Lies, Damn Lies, and Indexes,” Keith Curry Lance and Marti A. Cox (*American Libraries*, June/July, 2000, p. 82-87), don't think so.

Created by Minnesota librarian Thomas A. Hennen, the HAPLR Index uses local public library statistics published by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) and submitted by all state library agencies, including the Vermont Department of Libraries. The most recent edition of the Index is based on 1996-97 statistics and is meant to be an index of public library quality. Lance and Cox believe that Hennen's methods do not reflect current public library thinking, that local communities should define, manage, and evaluate their libraries: “there is no single mold, no one standard that every public library must meet.” More importantly, they feel that the index correlates unrelated variables (e.g., materials expenditures per capita and visits per hour) or excessively correlates related variables (e.g., expenditures per capita and materials expenditures per capita). Finally, Hennen polled subscribers to the PubLib listerv to come up with the weighting of variables, a practice which Lance and Cox feel is arbitrary and “muddles” the data.

So what's a conscientious librarian or trustee to do? How does your library rate anyway? Rather than ranking your library by arbitrary measures, you might try to compare your library's statistics with peers. The Department of Libraries Biennial Report supplement which will be available in February will give you an idea of the use and performance of libraries in towns with populations AND characters similar to your library's. You may want to check out the NCES Peer Comparison Tool at <http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/publicpeer/index.asp>. And you may want to embark on a comprehensive, community-based long range planning process such as that outlined in Planning for Results: A Library Transformation Process by Ethel Himmel and William White (ALA, 1998).



## FOR FUTURE REFERENCE...

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### Unexpected ILL fees...

Smith College, OCLC symbol SNN, has begun charging \$10.00 for interlibrary loans. This is a blow as Smith often owns just what Vermont borrowers are seeking. We hope this will not become a trend among New England private colleges. DOL ILL apologizes for any inconvenience this change may have caused. We are now trying to send other locations that do not charge. When you send ILL requests out of state, it is always wise to include a note with the maximum your patron wishes to pay, ex. "max. charge \$0.00" or "pls. call 802-828-3261 if fee will be charged."

### ERIC ILL...

Using a keyword search may be the best way to locate an ERIC document, but it will not help you request it. Unfortunately, you cannot send a "lib" request from the results of a keyword search. To use the "lib" command, make a note of the title of the document you need, exit keyword searching and find the document you need using a title search. Note the ERIC document number at the end of the record to use as the call number in your request and check to see if the record says that the document is available. Next use the "lib" command and "dol\_ill" for "username of lending library."

### Local newspapers...

Is there an upstart newspaper in your town? Send the title and subscription information to [dol\\_ill\\_mail@dol.state.vt.us](mailto:dol_ill_mail@dol.state.vt.us) or call Paul Donovan, 802-828-3261. DOL's Reference and Law Services Unit attempts to subscribe to all Vermont newspapers. We usually do not add "shoppers," but do subscribe to all general local newspapers that we are aware of, preserving them as microfilm. Please help us stay current.

### Videos in Vermont public libraries

Many thanks to all of the libraries that responded to the DOL\_ILL video survey. We have compiled information on the holdings and policies of 70 public libraries. Of these, 5 libraries own no videos, 55 libraries will lend their videos and 27 libraries list videos in Pubcat. There is still time to join this survey by responding to DOL\_ILL. We encourage all libraries to be as generous as possible with their lending. You never know when you might need to borrow a video. Only libraries that lend their videos may borrow videos. All of the public libraries that responded to the video survey will receive a copy of the results. Other libraries may request a copy from DOL\_ILL. Please send any survey corrections to DOL\_ILL. The survey of videos in school libraries is not yet complete. School libraries are encouraged to continue to respond to DOL\_ILL.

### Batching ILL requests

Consider sending your ILL requests to DOL\_ILL more frequently instead of waiting until you have a large group of requests to type all at once. Sure, typing several requests in a batch saves time. Unfortunately, each day lost means patrons wait longer. Please balance your efficiency with providing speedy service.

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### Resources...

...ADA-required signs from the International City/County Management (ICMA). Current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations (35.163) require that you mount ADA signs at every employee and public entrance, whether accessible or not. In response to these requirements, ICMA now offers an Entrance Sign Kit to help libraries comply with current entrance sign rules. Each Sign Kit includes the number of blue and white reflective aluminum signs that you need to mark library entrances, as well as specific mounting materials, instructions and sign guidelines. All Kit text materials have been reviewed by the ADA Technical Assistance Center-Region V. To obtain the Entrance Sign Kit from ICMA, count the number of accessible and inaccessible entrances to your facility (which are not currently marked with wheelchair symbol/ADA signs) so that ICMA will know how many of each type of sign to include with your Kit. Then, call the ICMA ADA sign staff, toll free, at (877) 232-5487, or fax/send a purchase order to ADA KIT-ICMA Sign Project, 56 Salem Lane, Evanston, IL 60203, fax (847) 568-9485. Kits cost \$20 per sign ordered, plus \$9.50 S&H. Inaccessible entrance signs have right/left arrows on each sign to direct people to the nearest accessible entrance, as required by law.



...”Good Ideas 2000,” jam-packed with information and inspiration for publicity pieces, annual reports, planning, children’s events, general events, fundraising by Friends and volunteers, and internet and technology use, compiled by Amy Howlett – free from the Department of Libraries, email DOL\_CENTRAL or call Mary Moore at 828-3261.

...5th edition of the Vermont Environmental Directory, 2000, listing 100+ NGO environmental, educational, governmental agencies and an invaluable reference/resource for students, teachers. \$13.00 postage included. Contact Jimmy Fordham at Vermont Natural Resources Council, 9 Bailey Ave., Montpelier, VT 05602 , 802-223-2328, email: [vnrc@together.net](mailto:vnrc@together.net).

...Two useful websites relating to technical services:

- <http://www.library.yale.edu/bibstand/resource.html> - A cataloging resource on rare books, manuscripts and other specialcollection materials. The site is maintained by the Bibliographic Standards Committee of the Rare Book & Manuscript Section of ACRL. The site is designed for libraries with only one cataloger. Links are provided to experienced rare books catalogers who have volunteered to answer questions on various aspects of cataloging these special materials.
- <http://www.lib.usm.edu/~techserv/MARC21Tutorial/marcfr.htm> - A MARC tutorial created by two catalogers from the University of Southern Mississippi. The content of the tutorial is based on the Library of Congress/Follett publication, Understanding MARC Bibliographic.

### Continuing Education...

...The University of Vermont is offering “MARC 21” (EDLI 200 / 60046), a one credit course, on Mon. & Wed., 4-6 pm, beginning May 21-Jun 13, at UVM’s Bailey/Howe Library, with Wichada Sukantararat, Assistant Library Professor. Enroll by May 7 to update your knowledge of this new development in bibliographic description and control. Investigate the changes in USMARC format and learn the impact of changes on providing access to library collections. Course participants will gain a high level of knowledge in the application of MARC formats. Enrollment Limit: 10. For more information, contact Sukantararat, 656-8568, e-mail: [wsukanta@zoo.uvm.edu](mailto:wsukanta@zoo.uvm.edu).

## \*COMING EVENTS\*

Sat., Feb. 10 - Livable Wage conference, Vermont Law School, with keynote address by Felice Yeskel, co-director of United for a Fair Economy. Several workshops, including "Talking points: how to counter the opposition" and "Broadening the base: how to effectively build your local LW coalition." Contact: Nancy Wilson, 453-2366, or e-mail [liveablewage@pjcv.org](mailto:liveablewage@pjcv.org) or call Jen Mathews at 863-2345 ext. 8.

Mon., Feb. 12, 9:30 am – Central Vermont Librarians meeting, Aldrich Public Library, Barre. Topic: grant opportunities for 2001. Contact: Ellen Roth, 476-7550.

Thurs., Feb. 15, 9:30 am – Franklin-Grand Isle Librarians meeting, Highgate Public Library. Contact: Lucie Fortin, 868-3970.

Mon., Feb. 19 – State holiday. Department of Libraries central offices and regional libraries closed.

Tues., Feb. 20, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 828-3265.

Tues., March 6 – State holiday. Department of Libraries central offices and regional libraries closed.

Thurs., March 15, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. board meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Kathy Naftaly, 773-1860.

Fri., March 16, 9:30 am – Public Library Directors quarterly forum, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Topic: grants in general. Contact: Marianne Kotch, 828-2320. Snowdate: Fri., March 23.

Mon., March 19, 9:00 am – Chittenden Co. Librarians meeting, Winooski Memorial Library. Contact: Janet Soutiere, 655-6424.

Tues., March 20, 9:30 am – “Wild About Reading” workshop, Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Repeats Wed., March 21, 9:30 am, Brown Public Library, Northfield. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261.

Tues., March 27, 9:00 am – Children’s Materials Review Session, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261. Repeats: Wed., 3/28, Milton Public Library; Thurs., 3/29, Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington; Tues., 4/3, Butterfield Library, Westminster; Thurs., April 5, NERL, St. Johnsbury.

April 1-7 – National Library Week. Contact: American Library Assn., 1-800-545-2433.

Mon., April 2, 8:00 am – Town Officers Education Conference with workshops for trustees, Castleton State College. Contact UVM Extension Service, 223-2389, or Marianne Kotch, 828-2320. Repeats: Wed., 4/4, Lyndon State College; Tues., 4/10, Mt. Snow; Thurs., 4/12, Lake Morey Inn, Fairlee; Mon., 4/16, St. Michael’s College.

April 2 – Vermont Library Association legislative breakfasts organized by VLA Government Relations Comm. Contact: Pat Hazlehurst, 626-5475.

Wed., April 4, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. Public Library Section meeting, Norman Williams Public Library, Woodstock. Topic: salaries and benefits for library staff. Contact: Jill Markolf, 496-3913.

Mon., April 9, 9:30 am – Vermont Library Assn. CAYAL section meeting, Springfield Town Library. Topic: book and craft activities. Contact: Marje Von Ohlsen, 652-7480.

Tues., April 17, 10:30 am – Vermont Board of Libraries meeting, Midstate Regional Library, Berlin. Contact: Sybil Brigham McShane, 28-3265.

Tues., April 17, 9:30 am – Public Relations workshop, Sherburne Memorial Library, Killington. Contact: Grace W. Greene, 828-3261. Repeats: Tues., April 24, Northeast Regional Library, St. Johnsbury.

## CHANGES TO VERMONT LIBRARY DIRECTORY

Please note these changes your Vermont Library Directory, 1998. You can also obtain fairly up-to-date directory information at the Department of Libraries’ website, <http://dol.state.vt.us>, under “Librarians’ Resources.”

#39 Hours: Tu & W 1-8 pm, Th & F 1-6 pm, Sa 10 am-2 pm

#119 New librarian: Diane Lischer

#169 Trustee chair: Angie Chapple Sokol, 872-2781

#196 Hours: Tu 1-8 pm, W 9 am-12N, Th 4-8 pm, Sa 9 am-3 pm

#272 New librarian: Paula Davidson

#310 Trustee chair: J.B. McKinley, 888-6610

#362 New librarian: Stephen Coronella

#376 Trustee chair: Neil Sehrman, 434-3235

#384 New librarian: Devik Wyman, (603) 835-2169

#414A New library: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 121 Maple St., PO Box 384, St. Johnsbury 05819, 751-8223; VUC: S22G. Librarian: Anita Wellman

#480 New trustee co-chairs: Hank Ransford, 877-2608/Ann Sullivan, 475-2979

#500 New librarian: Mary Kasamatsu

## YOUTH SERVICES NEWS

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### 2001 ALA Awards: Newbery, Caldecott and others...

The American Library Association announced these winners at its Midwinter Conference in Washington D. C. on January 15:

Newbery Medal: A YEAR DOWN YONDER by Richard Peck (Dial)  
Honor Books: HOPE WAS HERE by Joan Bauer (Putnam)

THE WANDERER by Sharon Creech (HarperCollins)  
BECAUSE OF WINN DIXIE by Kate Di Camillo (Candlewick)  
JOEY PIGZA LOSES CONTROL by Jack Gantos (FSG)

Caldecott Medal: SO YOU WANT TO BE PRESIDENT? Illustrated by David Small, written by Judith St. George (Philomel)  
Honor books: CASEY AT THE BAT illustrated by Christopher Berg, written by Ernest Lawrence Thayer (Handprint)  
OLIVIA written and illustrated by Ian Falconer  
CLICK, CLACK, MOO: COWS THAT TYPE illustrated by Betsy Lewin, written by Doreen Cronin (Simon and Schuster)

Coretta Scott King Award  
For writing: MIRACLE'S BOYS by Jacqueline Woodson (Putnam)  
For illustration: UPTOWN by Bryan Collier (Holt)

Michael Printz Award (for YA literature): KIT'S WILDERNESS by David Almond (Delacorte)

Batchelder (for book in translation): SAMIR AND YONATAN by Danielle Carmi (Arthur A. Levine)

Margaret Edwards Award (to author of young adult books for body of work): Robert Lipsyte

Laura Ingalls Wilder Award (to author of children's books for body of work): Milton Meltzer

Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (first time given): SIR WALTER RALEGH AND THE QUEST FOR EL DORADO by Marc Aronson (Clarion)

For a complete listing of all the awards, and the honor books for the awards, visit the ALA website at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

### **DCF/Red Clover Award News...**

At its October business meeting, the Dorothy Canfield Fisher committee awarded three Marjorie Gillam Lavalla grants: \$300 to the Ilsley Public Library in Middlebury to support a cooperative effort with the local middle school over the summer; \$500 to Irasburg Elementary School to help expand a DCF club which will meet at lunchtime, and \$300 to Rivendell Academy which will enhance teaching through the DCF program.

In late March all public and school libraries will receive a packet containing information about Vermont's two child selected book awards. Included will be:

- The Red Clover Masterlist for 2001-2002
- The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Masterlist for 2001-2002
- The DCF voting form for this year (deadline April 13)

As soon as we know information about the winning books for 2001 we will get it out to you. Please remember, that although we are usually successful in having a DCF ceremony before the end of the school year, it is a very short turnaround time, and we can't guarantee a ceremony at all. The best plan is NOT to promise your eager readers a trip a ceremony, but hold a party or celebration in your own library or school.

### **Mock Caldecott Results...**

On November 17 a group of approximately 75 picture book enthusiasts gathered at Vermont Technical College for Vermont's annual Mock Caldecott program. Eileen Christelow, author and illustrator of WHAT DO ILLUSTRATORS DO? (Clarion, 1999) and WHAT DO AUTHORS DO? (Clarion, 1995) as well as many wonderful picture books, spoke about her development as a picture book creator. Her well-illustrated talk gave participants real insight into artistic development, influences and the many decisions that go into a seemingly simple illustration.

Armed with advice and information from Christelow, the participants then selected their favorite books from a pre-selected list of twenty. And the winner was...THE RAFT by Jim Lamarche (HarperCollins). Honor books were GERSHON'S MONSTER by Eric Kimmel, illustrated by Jon Muth (Scholastic), and CLICK, CLACK, MOO by Doreen Cronin illustrated by Betsy Lewin (Simon and Schuster).

### **Packets for New Children's Librarians...**

I have just developed a packet of materials to help new children's librarians navigate their way through the Vermont library scene, and am eager to start sending them out. Similar in intent to the new librarian packets, this compendium of information includes a summary of the services that DOL provides for children's librarians, lists of available materials, bibliographies, etc. In order to distribute them in a timely fashion, I need everyone's help. If you are a new children's librarian,

or if there is a new children's librarian at your library, please let me know, and I will send out a welcome packet. I also try to meet with all new children's librarians, so give me a call, and we'll set up a time.

### **Born to Read...**

We are now half way through the first year of the Born to Read program, and I need statistics from all the public libraries. Those of you who attended one of the Born to Read workshops last spring received a sheet called, "Born to Read Board Book Giveaway" which asks you for a few brief pieces of information. If you still have that sheet, please fill it out, and send it to me. If you need another one, just call or email, and we'll send it right out. Thanks so much! The good news is that Born to Read will definitely be continued, although in a reduced form, for children born in 2001. Those children will get a packet at their six month well baby visit which will consist of a book, the Born to Read video, the Born to Read newspaper insert, and a coupon to take to the public library for another book. At the nine-month visit they will receive another book.

So, we need to continue to promote this program in all ways possible. Marj VonOhlsen in So. Burlington (who ran out of her 20 books several months ago!) has a permanent display in her library featuring a copy of MAX'S BATH, and information about the program. She also makes a point of talking about it at EVERY program she does, regardless of the age of the audience. It is always word of mouth that is the most effective, and her method proves that. If you need any help, encouragement or advice, please give me a call. And, don't forget to stay in touch with your local physicians to remind them about the program, and that the public library is one of the participants.

### **Summer Materials for Wild About Reading...**

This is a year to celebrate the great outdoors of Vermont: the animals and plants, camping and hiking, the scenery. A group of children's librarians selected outdoor adventure as the theme for this year's program, and "Wild About Reading" as the slogan. The summer materials will have a new look this year since, for the first time, we will be printing in full color, thanks to generous grants from Keybank and the Chittenden Bank. Jim Arnosky, the noted Vermont author, illustrator and naturalist has created a wonderful reading record with a trail through the woods. In addition, he has drawn five native Vermont animals to be made into stickers to add to the trail. In March all public libraries will receive:

- ☐ A manual full of ideas on how to run a successful summer program
- ☐ A list of the paperback books available in quantity for book discussions
- ☐ An order form for all the free summer materials: posters, reading records, certificates, stickers and bookmarks
- ☐ A packet of ideas for adult collection development and programs made up by Marianne Kotch

**Please note that the performer packet that usually accompanies these summer materials was sent out in January** because we have extended the time period when libraries can hold the programs to include late spring and early fall. The deadline for application is March 1.

### **Guidelines for Public Library Service to Children and Young Adults in Vermont...**

Almost two years ago a dedicated committee began the process of revising "Guidelines for Public Library Service To Children in Vermont" published more than ten years ago. Now (finally!) a draft version is available for your perusal and comment. You may request a hard copy from me, or read it on our website later this month. The committee of six met regularly for over a year to revise, write and revamp Vermont's recommendations for children's services. The committee consisted of: Janis Minshull, Children's Librarian, Lyndonville; Carol Chatfield, Children's Librarian, Ilsley Public Library, Middlebury; Sue Barden, Library director, Carpenter-Carse Library, Hinesburg; Elaina Griffith, Library Director, Royalton Memorial library, South Royalton; Joanna Rudge Long, trustee, Abbott Memorial Library, South Pomfret, and Grace Greene, DOL's Children's Services Consultant.

The revisions reflect the changes in philosophy and operations in public libraries today. We have given new emphasis to outreach and collaboration; services to babies and toddlers; family programming, and, of course, technology. In addition, we have expanded the document to include young adult services, so as to include that very important segment of the community so often left out of library planning. Please read the draft revision and let me know what you think. Both specific and general comments are welcome.

### **Smith Grants on Hold...**

Because of all the wonderful grant opportunities available for Vermont public libraries (Mobile Library Literacy, Gates Foundation and Freeman Foundation) we have decided not to offer a Smith Grant for children's services round this year. Instead, we will hold the funds and be able to provide something bigger next year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Spring Materials Review Sessions...**

Please remember that the spring Materials Review Sessions will be held early this year, by popular demand. The dates, which are listed in the calendar section, are all in March and April. These oral book review sessions feature new books for babies through young adults, are free, and do not require registration. Each session begins at 9:00 and lasts approximately four hours.

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